

# **FY 2026 Borough Budget Consultations**

## **Manhattan - Department of Sanitation**

### **Meeting Date:**

The purpose of holding the Borough Budget Consultations is to have a straightforward and frank conversation about each agency's budget needs and requests. Unlike other venues, such as City Council Hearings, these consultations are not open to the public nor are they recorded. The information provided assists Community Boards in drafting our own Statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities and it facilitates the opportunity to do so in a way that supports the Agency's goals. Community Board Members often lack expertise about funding sources and the processes within Agencies regarding funding of various programs and initiatives. However, they are very knowledgeable about what local services are needed in their neighborhoods and the effectiveness of Agency programs.

This year's Manhattan agendas have three sections:

#### **I. General overview of current and outyear agency budgets**

1. What is the overall budget increase or decrease for the Agency in the FY 25 adopted budget? How does that compare to the FY24 budget? Does the Agency anticipate a budget shortfall for FY 25, FY 26 or further out years?
2. What are your priorities, operational goals, and capital goals for FY25 and projected priorities, operational goals, and capital goals for FY26?
3. What, if any, programs are affected by the end of COVID relief funds?

#### **II. Specific Program Funding.**

1. What programs within the Agency will see a significant increase or decrease in funding overall in FY 25 and anticipated FY 26? To what extent, if any, is the increase or decrease in funding related to non-recurring federal funding allocations?

2. Which programs will be new? eliminated entirely?

3. What are your benchmarks for new and existing programs and what are your benchmarks/key performance indicators for measuring success?

III. District-specific budget questions.

We request that the Agency respond in writing, but have any further discussions on these items with the Community Boards outside of the consultation.

## **AGENDA ITEM [1]: Vehicles and Equipment**

1. Last year you noted that Manhattan had over 700 vehicles in its inventory. Does this represent an increase or decrease from prior years? Please quantify.
2. Please provide an update of any equipment purchases made in FY 2024 and any anticipated acquisitions for FY 2025.
  - a. Are these purchases for replacement vehicles or new vehicles?
3. Please provide an assessment as to whether those levels of vehicles and equipment are adequate to the Department's needs for FY2025 and projected FY2026.
4. What additional funding is needed to ensure that the levels of vehicles and equipment are adequate to the Department's needs?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

**MEETING NOTES:**

**NEW INFORMATION:**

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:**

**AGENDA ITEM [2]: Dining Out NYC Program**

In DSNY's responses to Budget Consultation questions, DSNY noted that it incurred a budget impact for the removal of 204 structures. As Dining Out NYC is rolled out, what expenditures do you anticipate in connection with the removal or replacement of sidewalk or roadway cafes from the previous temporary program? What additional funding will be needed for this effort?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

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**AGENDA ITEM [3]: Mechanical Brooms**

Please provide an update on mechanical broom funding for FY2024 and anticipated for FY2025. Has the fleet upkeep been on track? What funding is necessary for these efforts?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

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**AGENDA ITEM [4]: Staffing**

1. What are the current and projected staffing levels in Manhattan, including the assignment of Sanitation enforcement and Sanitation police?
2. Are you sufficiently staffed or are there vacancies that need to be filled to adequately fulfill priorities and objectives?
3. Will the current allocations in FY2025 and projected FY2026 be adequate to support full staffing needs?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

**MEETING NOTES:**

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**AGENDA ITEM [5]: E-Waste Programs**

What funding is allocated to e-waste programs in FY2025 and projected FY2026? How has that funding changed from prior years?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

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**AGENDA ITEM [6]: Street Baskets**

1. Is the funding in FY2025 and projected FY2026 adequate to meet the needs for basket collection in Manhattan.
  - a. How many days per week is basket service funded in Manhattan?
  - b. Is the frequency of basket collection increased for tourist and night-life districts.
2. Constituents have observed that certain areas have seen their street baskets removed and not replaced.
  - a. Are these removals for budgetary reasons or other reasons such as inappropriate use of street baskets?
  - b. What percentage of street baskets compactor baskets such as Big Belly baskets?
  - c. Are there plans and funding to increase this percentage in Manhattan?
  - d. Are there reasons other than funding that limit the use of Compactor baskets?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

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**AGENDA ITEM [7]: Snow Removal**

1. What is the current snow removal budget for FY2025? What is the anticipated budget for FY2026? how does this funding compare with previous years?
2. Please provide an update on the snow removal program in Manhattan including the deployment of vehicles, snow melters, and sanitation workers.

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

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**AGENDA ITEM [8]: SAFE Disposal**

1. What funds have been allocated for SAFE Disposal events in FY2025 and FY2026?
2. How many SAFE Disposal events occurred in Manhattan this year?

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**AGENDA ITEM [9]: Donate NYC**

Please provide an update on the DonateNYC program. How many partners are currently participating? What funding is allocated to this effort.

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**AGENDA ITEM [10]: Unpermitted Sidewalk Vendor Enforcement**

1. What is the budget for FY2025 and estimated budget for FY2026 for matters relating to enforcement regarding vendors on streets without permits?
  - o Has the number of enforcement personnel changed from 40 Sanitation Police Officers and Supervisors in FY2024?
2. How many summonses has DSNY issued in FY2025 for vendor noncompliance?

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**AGENDA ITEM [11]: Citibin**

1. What is the allocated budget for the new Citibin program for FY2025 and FY2026? How does this allocation compare to previous waste management efforts?
2. What is the anticipated timeline for the Citibin program to complete its full roll out?
3. Will the program be expanded? What funding is needed for an expanded program?

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**AGENDA ITEM [12]: Composting**

What funding is allocated to organics recycling / composting programs in FY2025 and projected FY2026?

- Please provide separate figures to the extent applicable for “brown bin” curbside composting vs. “orange bin” sidewalk composting compactors vs. composting support for programs such as those at Grow NYC farmers markets.
- What additional funding is needed to expand composting collection services to meet Citywide demand?
- What funding is allocated to outreach and education programs to increase participation in composting programs?
  - What level of outreach or education is considered necessary to meet the program goals?

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**AGENDA ITEM [13]: Containerization**

Please update on the move to require containerization of trash/refuse for DSNY collection services, and for those required to use private carting services.

What funding is allocated to the Containerization program and efforts?

- What portion of that funding is used for education and outreach?
- What portion is dedicated to enforcement?

Please update on the level of compliance with Containerization rules from inception to the present.

Please indicate whether the Containerization program has produced the results for which the program was instituted, including with respect to:

- reduction in rats and other vermin
- complaints regarding street cleanliness

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**AGENDA ITEM [15]: Recommended Priorities for Community Board Advocacy**

What programs, initiatives or budget line items would DSNY recommend that Community Boards include in their Statements of District Needs and Budget Priorities for FY 2026?

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